

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Farm Service Agency  
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Stillwater, OK 74074

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1941 (AR)

Approved by: State Executive Director:



1 Overview

A Background

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1941 was announced effective August 11, 2004, for several counties in Arkansas as a result of damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred April 21-27, 2004.

Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, **Adair and Sequoyah** counties in Oklahoma were named as contiguous disaster counties.

The designation makes family-sized farm operators in the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met.

B Application Deadline

EM loan applications will be received through **April 11, 2005**, for physical and production losses in the primary and contiguous counties.

Disposal	Distribution
May 1, 2005	Farm Loan Teams, County Offices, DDs, CORs

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### **1 Overview (Continued)**

#### **C Comparison With Previous OK Instructions**

This OK Notice supplements OK Instruction 1945-A, and OK Instruction 1924-B, Exhibit D.

### **2 Action**

#### **A Determining Security Values**

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **April 21, 2004**.

#### **B District Director Responsibility**

The District Director will closely monitor compliance to meet the requirements of Section 1945.20(a)(3) of FmHA Instruction 1945-A.

#### **C Public Announcements**

Special emphasis will be placed on informing the farm community through public announcements and arranging and conducting meetings with local agricultural lenders and leaders.

### **3 Filing Instructions**

#### **A FLP Series**

This notice will be filed in chronological order with FLP series notices, and a copy of this notice will be filed preceding FmHA Instruction 1945-A and FmHA Instruction 1924-B.

#### **B Operation Filing**

A file will be established in the Farm Loan Office's operational file for each disaster designation. The file will contain a copy of this notice and documentation to support compliance with the requirements of Section 1945.20(1)(3). This file will be labeled, "Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination **S1941(AR)**," filed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with Handbook 25-AS, exhibit 40.5.

### **4 Contact Point**

#### **A Inquiries**

If there are questions concerning this notice, contact Phil Estes, Farm Loan Programs Director, at (405) 742-1050.